

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled. Claims 11-18 remain in the application unchanged.

In the parent patent application Serial No. 09/972,545, claims 1-18 were subject to restriction to one of the following groups: I. Claims 1-10; or II. Claims 11-18. Applicants elected to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, and cancelled the remaining claims. Applicants now wish to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 11-18, in the present divisional application.

Should there be any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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